

MR. BURLINGAME'S MISSION.—A letter to the *New York press*, dated at Peking, Nov. 2, explains the circumstances attending Mr. Burlingame's appointment as ambassador to the Chinese government to the treaty powers. The correspondent says:

The facts of the case are briefly these: The Chinese government has decided to send its capital through the greater part of two Presidential terms, because anxious to mingle with the people, and to give to the country a new impetus, in which his talents as an orator have been abundantly manifested. With this view, about a fortnight ago, Mr. Burlingame was notified by the Chinese government his designation as plenipotentiary to the treaty powers, and his mission to resign his post and return to his native country.

It is believed to be a country of the future. The announcement is received with profound regard by the Chinese Ministry, and the Chinese officials incline to their weakness and inexperience.

that I had not been superseded, and was recalled by his Government, they endeavored to dissuade him from his purpose. The effort was unavailing, and Prince Kung invited him to a farewell entertainment. It was in a princely style, and among the many distinguished foreign affairs were present, including the Presidents of the Board of Civil Office, the Board of Revenue and the War Department. This, of course, was in conformity with usage, but the spirit of the occasion was quite unusual. Mutual esteem and friendship were expressed on both sides—not in the conventional language of diplomacy, but in such terms as old friends are wont to make use of when on the eve of

mentous years that had passed since his arrival in this city; and as memory traveled back through a life of trouble, domestic and foreign, he recalled the many things of which the Mandarin was ignorant and which were in complete contradiction with the professions of that departing host. They attempted, too, to forecast the future; and Mr. Burlingame addressed to them feeling and faithful words of encouragement and warning. In addition to the assurance that the United States would support the Mandarins made grateful mention of the service he had rendered in pleading the cause of China in the countries of the West on the occasion of his visit to America twenty years ago; and Mr. Burlingame responded by professing his willingness at all times to help

Varieties.

—The British aristocracy are capable of the most inexcusable meannesses. Another case has been before the English courts that is most exasperating than even the Yelverton affair. The Countess d'Alteyrac in 1849 left her husband, who was a French noble, and went to England and lived with Lord Willoughby d'Essex. After living with him fifteen years, during which time she proved a most affectionate and faithful companion, he turned her out of doors and claimed the property she had

—Mr. Snapp, in going through the hall of a house to which he was invited, came across an invisible screen on which a picture of a dead man was worked in worsted. "Ah, Puddles," said he, "you have mistaken our way. This, you see, is the family portrait gallery."

—John Morrissey has given \$200 to the destitute poor of the New York ward which he represents in Congress.

—The Star says a little three-years-old boy in town has lately been asking many questions about all sorts of building projects, and having learned that our excellent citizen Hon. Richard B. Rogers is the one to ask.

Many other large structures, asked his mother the other day, "who built them?" Not receiving an immediate answer, he said, "I suppose Mr. Brown found 'em money."

—General Chambers, of Louisville, had a daughter born to him on his seventy-fourth birthday, and the members of the bar expressed their admiration by presenting the young lady with a silver cup.

—The number of valentines that passed through the New York post-office this year was not more than half as great as last year.

—Horace Greeley, in his reminiscence speaks of first meeting Abraham Lincoln

"It was surprising to me to hear that, though I was often in his company thereafter to his death, and long on terms of friendly intimacy with him, I never heard him tell an anecdote or story."

—The disadvantage of having a bad reputation for veracity is seen in an incident that lately happened to the New York Herald. A thesaurus of the Vesuvius land-slide, it received a brief cable dispatch giving an account of that disaster. All its contemporaries at once heralded the whole affair. They laughed the Herald to scorn. It was assumed to be a misheard. But it proves true, contrary to all probability.

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The Correspondent, on the occasion of George Francis Train's third lecture here, broke into the room without warning, smashed all the forms, tore down the gas-pipe and left George to foot the bill. He did so and left town in a hurry.

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They are expected to abound in anecdotes of that young gentleman.

—A gentleman having got out of all patience with one of his servants, called him in and after giving him a sound scolding, wound up with the stereotyped phrase, "we must part." The servant stood scratching his head for a moment, and then said, with a look of much concern, "Sorry I said that we must part your Honor, but if we *must*, may I make a bold as to ask where *your Honor's* going?" The rascal got another trial.

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—The will of the late Mrs. Abigail Loring, of Boston, has been sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the fund amounting to \$171,000, will soon be distributed among the various charitable corporation which have been designated by certain persons under the provisions of the will to receive it.

—The papers are full of long accounts of horse-flesh banquets. They are about as entertaining as Du Châlin's descriptions of African cannibals, dining on roast missionary.

work on a new and difficult statute, called the "Council of Law," in which are portrayed the members of the Council of Law. Mr. Lincoln is shown sitting in an easy posture, his hands crossed, and a little on one side; and he placed his hand upon the attention to which he seems to direct the attention of Mr. Stanton, who is sitting just from his glasses—a familiar habit—with the secretary when he is thinking of the matter.

—Mr. Eugene Hixwood is now put down on the tax list of Illinois as the largest land owner in that State. He holds fifty thousand acres, purchased by him after fifty years' service.

in Neukast at a cost of about seventy-nine cents an acre. He is only twenty-two years of age.

—A European professor has succeeded in photographing the beating of a person's heart. What a neat thing for an absent lover to send his adored would be a *carte* of his palpitation on gazing upon her portrait.

—The library of John C. Calhoun was lately sold, with some other personal property, to satisfy debts, at \$250. Whole shelves of books were knocked down for from \$4 to \$6 a shelf.

—A new style of skate has been patented with which a person can walk as readily on

—An incident recently occurred at Yale which goes very far to establish as a fact that "the world moves." A Yale alumnus of twenty years' standing, recently returned, after a long absence, to visit his *alma mater*, and was very courteously received and "shown round" by Professor T—. After having exhibited to his guest all the modern improvements, the Professor said to him: "You have now seen, I believe, all that is new in the institution, ex-

and I will roll a string of ten-pins with you
back in real or simulated astonishment.
"Why," exclaimed the Professor, "we have
fine alleys in our gymnasium, and I would like
to go there and roll a string of ten-pins with
you." "Ten-pins," cried the alumnus, with
gleam of malicious fun in his eye, "why, sir,
was expelled from the college for rolling ten-
pins!"

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